

legal matters. Mr. Sen has also been generous enough to donate \$30,000 worth of materials to the Hudson County Community College and \$3,000 worth of books to the Jersey City Public Library.

A great many people depend on Mr. Sen's abilities, as well as his kindness, generosity and goodwill. He makes no distinction in helping people. He has worked very hard for many years to help those in need, and has turned no one away. He has never discriminated among Jews, Hindus, Christians, or Muslims.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mono Sen for all of his hard work in the community. I am truly proud to have such an exemplary man living in my district. A birthday celebration will be held in Mr. Sen's honor on February 4, 1995, at public school No. 11. Please join me in wish Mono Sen a happy 70th birthday.

#### RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE BROOKLYN CHINESE-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

##### HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 18, 1995*

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of the Brooklyn Chinese-American Association [BCA]. I am especially pleased to honor this organization at the grand opening of their community service center.

Over the past 7 years, President Paul Mak has worked tirelessly to develop the BCA. BCA can now proudly list the many important services it provides for members of the Brooklyn Chinese-American community; application assistance for entitlements, cultural and recreational activities, health-related workshops and excursions for senior citizens; counseling for at risk youths; career-oriented and academic-related workshops, youth leadership training and summer camps for youths; assisting crime victims. Staff and volunteers at BCA should be proud of their achievements in making their community a richer, more vital place to live.

BCA recognized the needs of the community, and decided to take action. They remind us of the responsibility of every citizen to make our communities and neighborhoods better, safer places. For their work in community service, I salute the members of BCA. I know that all my colleagues in the House of Representatives will join me in wishing them many years of success and growth.

#### FAREWELL TO DON BLISS

##### HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 18, 1995*

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor and recognize Mr. Donald A. Bliss, who recently retired as the vice president, for U.S. West Communications.

Mr. Bliss began his career with Northwestern Bell in 1961 as a splicer's helper. Working his way through the ranks of the company and

across the country, Mr. Bliss served as northwestern's vice president for North Dakota and Nebraska service areas. Mr. Bliss and his family made Arizona their home in 1987 when he assumed his position as Arizona's vice president for U.S. West Communications.

Through the years, Mr. Bliss has proven to be an asset not only to U.S. West Communications but to the State of Arizona. His activities have included serving on the Arizona Joint Select Committee on Revenues and Expenditures and the Governor's Office of Employment and Training Implementation Task Force. In addition, Mr. Bliss has been recognized with awards such as the Anti-Defamation League's Torch of Liberty Award and the Center City Champion Award.

In retirement, Don will continue to reside in Arizona with his wife Roxanne and plans to stay active in the community. Mr. Bliss will serve as a leader on the 1996 Super Bowl Committee and as an officer on the National Alzheimer's Association Board.

Although a native of Minnesota, I am pleased that Don has chosen Arizona as his home. His leadership will be missed at U.S. West Communications, but we all look forward to his continued work in the community.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE TEXAS LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL COMPACT CONSENT ACT

##### HON. JACK FIELDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 18, 1995*

Mr. FIELDS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce today a bill that will be the final step in an agreement between the States of Texas, Maine, and Vermont for the disposal of low-level radioactive waste.

In the 1960's, the United States had six disposal sites for low-level radioactive waste. By 1978, all but three of the sites had closed, and the States with the remaining disposal sites announced that they intended to close their facilities. In response, in 1980, Congress passed the Low-level Radioactive Waste Policy Act, making State governments responsible for the disposal of low-level radioactive waste generated within their States. Because most States simply continued to send their waste to the three operating disposal sites, the act was amended in 1985 to require States to open their own disposal sites or enter into agreements—called compacts—to share facilities with other States by the end of 1992.

Mr. Speaker, the compact about which I speak today was carefully negotiated by the Governors of each State and adopted by an overwhelming majority of each State's legislature. As a result, I urge my colleagues to join me in support of the Texas Low-level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Consent Act.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. TIM JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 18, 1995*

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to inform the House that I was

inadvertently detained on Tuesday, January 17, 1995, from voting on final passage of S. 2, the Congressional Accountability Act, due to bad weather and flights which were postponed as I attempted to return to Washington from South Dakota. Had I not been detained yesterday, I would have voted in favor of final passage of the Congressional Accountability Act, just as I did on January 5, 1995 when the House passed H.R. 1 by a vote of 429-0.

#### RETIREMENT OF AVON YARBOROUGH

##### HON. ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR.

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 18, 1995*

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a highly respected public servant who has retired after 38 years of serving his country in a number of capacities. Avon Yarbrough most recently was the chief of personnel security division, 497 Intelligence Group at Bolling Air Force Base.

Over the years, Avon Yarbrough has received numerous awards and commendations for his significant contributions to the security community. As chief of the personnel security policy branch, Air Force security police in Albuquerque, NM, he authored regulations which served as the official Air Force document for personnel security policy and procedures.

He also served as the Air Force liaison officer where he represented the Air Force at the Defense Investigative Service and with other Federal agencies in investigating matters. His responsibilities have also included managing the personnel security portion of the Air Force Presidential Support Program and the automated security clearance approval system.

Avon Yarbrough has displayed great skill and devotion all of his life. He began his career when he entered active duty with the Air Force in 1956. His military assignments included tours of Vietnam, Germany, and Japan. Before he became affiliated with the Air Force adjudication operation in July 1977, he held positions as a civilian air technician with the Maryland Air National Guard and security manager for the National Guard Bureau and the Military Traffic Management Command, where he very effectively managed multiple security disciplines.

Born in Louisburg, NC, Avon Yarbrough and his family moved to Baltimore when he was in his early teens. He grew up in Baltimore and graduated from the University of Maryland in 1978. He holds a bachelor's degree in sociology.

Mr. Yarbrough has three daughters, Antoinette, Angela, and April and a stepson, Michael F. Jackson.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Avon Yarbrough as a great American who has served his community with skilled devotion for almost 39 years. Also please join me in wishing he and his charming wife, Elaine, great happiness in this new phase of their lives.